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Catherine Seidel, Acting Chief
Wireless Telecommunications Bureau
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: WT Docket No. 02-55

Dear Ms. Seidel:

Sprint Nextel Corporation (“Sprint Nextel”) hereby notifies the Federal Communications Commission (“Commission”) that it intends to employ KPMG, LLP, the national accounting and auditing firm, as Sprint Nextel’s auditor of 1.9 GHz Broadcast Auxiliary Service (“BAS”) relocation costs. Pursuant to paragraphs 328 and 350 of the Report and Order (“*R&O*”) in the above-captioned proceeding, as modified by subsequent Commission errata and orders, the selection of an auditor satisfactory to the Commission is required.¹ Sprint Nextel provides this notice to the Commission of its plan to retain KPMG as Sprint Nextel’s auditor for this aspect of the band reconfiguration project.

Pursuant to the *R&O*, Sprint Nextel is financially responsible for the relocation of BAS facilities from their current operations at 1990-2110 MHz, to the new 2 GHz BAS band plan at 2025-2110 MHz. Sprint Nextel will receive credit for the costs of the 1.9 GHz relocation as part of the financial expenditures it is

¹ See Improving Public Safety Communications in the 800 MHz Band; Consolidating the 800 and 900 MHz Industrial/Land Transportation and Business Pool Channels, Report and Order, Fifth Report and Order, Fourth Memorandum Opinion and Order, and Order, 19 FCC Rcd 14969 (2004) (“*R&O*”), as amended by Erratum, WT Docket No. 02-55 (rel. Sep. 10, 2004); Second Erratum, 19 FCC Rcd 19651 (2004); Public Notice, “Commission Seeks Comment on Ex Parte Presentations and Extends Certain Deadlines Regarding the 800 MHz Public Safety Interference Proceeding,” 19 FCC Rcd 21492 (2004); Third Erratum, 19 FCC Rcd 21818 (2004); Supplemental Order and Order on Reconsideration, 19 FCC Rcd 24708 (2004) (“*Supplemental Order*”); Erratum, WT Docket No. 02-55 (rel. Jan. 19, 2005); and Memorandum Opinion and Order, 20 FCC Rcd 16015 (2005) (“*MO&O*”).

incurring to accomplish band reconfiguration in both the 800 MHz and 1.9 GHz bands. As part of the Commission “true-up” to be performed at the end of band reconfiguration, Sprint Nextel will offset these expenses (and others) against the \$4.86 billion “value” that the Commission placed on the 10 MHz of 1.9 GHz spectrum Sprint Nextel received in the *R&O*. Accordingly, the *R&O* ordered Sprint Nextel to keep “accurate records of the labor and material reasonably expended or acquired in connection with clearance of the 1.9 GHz band.” The Commission also ordered “an annual audit of these expenses [to] be made, at [Sprint Nextel’s] expenses, by an auditing firm satisfactory to the Commission.”²

Sprint Nextel proposes that KPMG, the national auditing and accounting firm, serve as the external auditor of Sprint Nextel’s internal and external costs and expenses for the 1.9 GHz relocation. As described in a letter from KPMG to the Acting Chief of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, a copy of which is attached, Sprint Nextel and KPMG believe that KPMG is qualified to act as auditor for the 1.9 GHz relocation.

Assuming prompt concurrence of its selection as auditor, KPMG expects to complete its annual audit of Sprint Nextel’s 1.9 GHz expenses for calendar year 2005, by April 15, 2006. At that time, the 2005 audit will be submitted to the Transition Administrator and the Commission.

Sprint Nextel respectfully requests prompt concurrence in its selection of KPMG. Should you have any further questions in this matter, please contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

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² *R&O* at para. 328.